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BRIEFING FOR LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS

ACCORDING TO EL NACIONAL, FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACHT ON
JANUARY 16 RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS TO AN INQUIRY ABOUT HIS
REACTION TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' BRIEFING OF LATIN
AMERICAN AMBASSADORS ON THE NEW U.S. TRADE LAW:

"WE HAVE NO OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DECLARATIONS
OR STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. ROGERS, IF TRUE, IT DOES
SEEM TO US THAT MR. ROGERS' AD HOC LINE OF ARGUMENTATION
IS NOT RPT NOT VALID. THE ARGUMENT ABOUT ASSISTING DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IS UNCONVINCING. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT
THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PETROLEUM PRODUCERS
ARE SEEKING A JUST PRICE FOR THEIR PRODUCTS. THE REAL REASON
FOR THE HIGH PRICE OF OIL IN CONSUMING COUNTRIES IS THE
EXCESSIVE PROFITS OF THE MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES AND THE
TAXES IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SEEKING
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A JUST PRICE FOR THEIR PRODUCTS--AND WHICH HAVE HAD

TO PAY RIDICULOUS PRICES TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES--MUST MAINTAIN A FAIR
AND REASONABLE PRICE IN ORDER TO BENEFIT THEIR
OWN PEOPLE.""
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